

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A surveillance system comprising:

a surveillance assembly, including a platform and surveillance equipment mounted to the platform for providing observations of an area in a vicinity of the surveillance system;

a base, including a hollow enclosure sized and adapted to contain electronics equipment for controlling the surveillance equipment and a power supply for powering the electronics equipment and the surveillance equipment;

a substantially hollow support pole having an upper portion mounted to the surveillance assembly and a lower portion mounted to the base;

means, disposed through the support pole, for functionally connecting the surveillance equipment to the electronics equipment contained in the base; and

a current breaker disposed inside the base enclosure adapted to provide electrical power from a power supply to the surveillance equipment and the electronics equipment;

wherein the surveillance assembly further includes a power distribution box mounted on the support pole near the platform adapted to receive a power supply line from an external power supply to supply electrical power to the current breaker for distribution of electrical power to a distribution box for distribution of the electrical power to the electronics equipment and surveillance equipment.

2. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 1 wherein the surveillance equipment comprises a plurality of cameras, the base comprises a concrete structure having a weight sufficient to prevent the base from being manually displaced, and the means for connecting the electronics equipment with the surveillance equipment includes wiring disposed at least partially through the substantially hollow support pole.

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17. (New) A transportable unmanned surveillance system comprising:

a base configured to maintain the transportable unmanned surveillance system in an upright freestanding position and to substantially prevent movement of the base by hand;

a camera positioned above the base at a height sufficient to put the camera substantially out of reach of a person who may want to tamper with the camera, the camera configured to obtain video data of objects in the vicinity of the surveillance system;

a support structure coupled to the base and extending upwardly, wherein the camera is coupled to the support structure; and

a recorder in wireless communication with the camera, such that the recorder is configured to record wireless transmissions of the video data obtained from the camera without human intervention during ongoing surveillance.

18. (New) The transportable unmanned surveillance system of Claim 17, further comprising a secure enclosure configured to protect the recorder from unauthorized access, wherein the recorder is positioned within the secure enclosure.

19. (New) The transportable unmanned surveillance system of Claim 18, wherein the secure enclosure is coupled to the support structure and positioned above the base.

20. (New) The transportable unmanned surveillance system of Claim 17, wherein the recorder is positioned within the base.

21. (New) The transportable unmanned surveillance system of Claim 17, wherein the recorder is positioned within a building.

22. (New) The transportable unmanned surveillance system of Claim 17, further comprising electronics equipment for communicating with a network of surveillance systems.

23. (New) The transportable unmanned surveillance system of Claim 17, further comprising electronics equipment for communicating with remote users of the surveillance system.

24. (New) The transportable unmanned surveillance system of Claim 17, further comprising electronics equipment for communicating via the Internet.

25. (New) The transportable unmanned surveillance system of Claim 17, wherein the surveillance system is configured to be powered by an electrical connection to a power pole.

26. (New) The transportable unmanned surveillance system of Claim 17, wherein the height sufficient to put the camera substantially out of reach of a person who may want to tamper with the camera is about 25 feet high.

27. (New) The transportable unmanned surveillance system of Claim 17, wherein the base weighs more than about 1000 pounds and has an average density of at least about 20 pounds per cubic foot.

28. (New) The transportable unmanned surveillance system of Claim 17, further comprising at least one of a microphone, a motion sensor, a light, and a speaker.

29. (New) A transportable unmanned surveillance system comprising:

a base configured to maintain the transportable unmanned surveillance system in an upright freestanding position and to substantially prevent movement of the base by hand, wherein the base is configured with an axle and wheels to facilitate transportation of the surveillance system;

a camera positioned above the base at a height sufficient to put the camera substantially out of reach of a person who may want to tamper with the camera, the camera configured to obtain video data of objects in the vicinity of the surveillance system;

a support structure coupled to the base and extending upwardly, wherein the camera is coupled to the support structure;

a recorder in communication with the camera, the recorder configured to record the video data obtained by the camera without human intervention during ongoing surveillance; and

a secure enclosure configured to protect the recorder from unauthorized access, wherein the recorder is positioned within the secure enclosure.

30. (New) The transportable unmanned surveillance system of Claim 29, wherein the secure enclosure is coupled to the support structure and positioned above the base.

31. (New) The transportable unmanned surveillance system of Claim 29, wherein the recorder is positioned within the base.

32. (New) The transportable unmanned surveillance system of Claim 29, wherein the recorder is in wireless communication with the camera, such that the recorder is configured to record wireless transmissions of the video data obtained from the camera without human intervention during ongoing surveillance.

33. (New) The transportable unmanned surveillance system of Claim 29, further comprising electronics equipment for communicating with a network of surveillance systems.

34. (New) The transportable unmanned surveillance system of Claim 29, further comprising electronics equipment for communicating with remote users of the surveillance system.

35. (New) The transportable unmanned surveillance system of Claim 29, further comprising electronics equipment for communicating via the Internet.

36. (New) The transportable unmanned surveillance system of Claim 29, wherein the surveillance system is configured to be powered by an electrical connection to a power pole.

37. (New) The transportable unmanned surveillance system of Claim 29, wherein the height sufficient to put the camera substantially out of reach of a person who may want to tamper with the camera is about 25 feet high.

38. (New) The transportable unmanned surveillance system of Claim 29, wherein the base weighs more than about 1000 pounds and has an average density of at least about 20 pounds per cubic foot.

39. (New) The transportable unmanned surveillance system of Claim 29, further comprising at least one of a microphone, a motion sensor, a light, and a speaker.